

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning resource monitors, the method comprising:  
providing at least one monitor specification, wherein a monitor specification includes a definition of parameters for a resource monitor, and wherein the monitor specification includes both a deployment profile specification, defining a list of parameters that must be defined for each instance of the resource monitor that is deployed, and a response profile specification, defining parameters that are returned by deploying the resource monitor;  
providing at least one resource specification, wherein a resource specification includes a definition of parameters that must be defined for each instance of a resource, and wherein the resource is the resource to be monitored; [[and]]  
associating at least one monitor specification with a resource specification to form at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile; and  
storing the at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
retrieving ~~providing~~ a resource monitor instance configuration profile for an instance of a given resource monitor ~~[[for]] assigned to an instance of a given resource instance.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:  
receiving a selection of a given resource monitor to be provisioned for the instance of the given resource; and  
storing a monitor configuration profile for the given resource monitor in association with the resource monitor instance configuration profile.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
receiving at least one value for a parameter for the given resource monitor,  
wherein the monitor configuration profile includes the at least one value for a parameter.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein receiving at least one value for a parameter for the given resource monitor includes presenting an interface to define parameters for the given resource monitor based on a monitor specification for the given resource monitor.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
deploying the given resource monitor in accordance with the monitor configuration profile.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein deploying the given resource monitor further includes:  
determining whether manual intervention is required for the given resource monitor; and  
responsive to manual intervention being required for the given resource monitor, interacting with an administrator to receive at least one value for a parameter.
8. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
storing response parameters and values in a response profile.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
deprovisioning the given resource monitor using the response parameters and values in the response profile.
10. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:  
capturing output parameters and values of a monitor deployment and storing them to the response profile.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the instance of the given resource instance is a resource of a type selected from the group consisting of server hardware, network hardware, storage hardware, operating system software, database middleware software, application software, and monitoring software.
12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a processor running a provisioning system in a network data processing system for provisioning resource monitors, the apparatus comprising:  
means for providing at least one monitor specification, wherein a monitor specification includes a definition of parameters for a resource monitor, and wherein the monitor specification includes both a deployment profile specification, defining a list of parameters that must be defined for each instance of

the resource monitor that is deployed, and a response profile specification, defining parameters that are returned by deploying the resource monitor;

means for providing at least one resource specification, wherein a resource specification includes a definition of parameters that must be defined for each instance of a resource, and wherein the resource is the resource to be monitored; [[and]]

means for associating at least one monitor specification with a resource specification to form at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile; and

means for storing the at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:

means for retrieving ~~providing~~ a resource monitor instance configuration profile for an instance of a given resource monitor [[for]] assigned to an instance of a given resource.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

means for receiving a selection of a given resource monitor to be provisioned for the instance of the given resource; and

means for storing a monitor configuration profile for the given resource monitor in association with the resource monitor instance configuration profile.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

means for receiving at least one value for a parameter for the given resource monitor, wherein the monitor configuration profile includes the at least one value for a parameter.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the means for receiving at least one value for a parameter for the given resource monitor includes means for presenting an interface to define parameters for the given resource monitor based on a monitor specification for the given resource monitor.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

means for deploying the given resource monitor in accordance with the monitor configuration profile.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein deploying the monitor further includes:  
means for determining whether manual intervention is required for the given resource monitor;  
and  
means, responsive to manual intervention being required for the given resource monitor, for  
interacting with an administrator to receive at least one value for a parameter.
19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:  
means for storing response parameters and values in a response profile.
20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising:  
means for deprovisioning the given resource monitor using the response parameters and values in  
the response profile.
21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:  
means for capturing output parameters in a deployment output configuration profile.
22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the instance of the given resource  
~~instance~~ is a resource of a type selected from the group consisting of server hardware, network hardware,  
storage hardware, operating system software, database middleware software, application software, and  
monitoring software.
23. (Currently Amended) A computer program product [[, in]] comprising a computer readable  
recordable-type medium [[,]] having encoded thereon computer usable program code for use within a data  
processing system for provisioning resource monitors, the computer program product comprising:  
computer usable program code instructions for providing at least one monitor specification,  
wherein a monitor specification includes a definition of parameters for a resource monitor, and wherein  
the monitor specification includes both a deployment profile specification, defining a list of parameters  
that must be defined for each instance of the resource monitor that is deployed, and a response profile  
specification, defining parameters that are returned by deploying the resource monitor;  
computer usable program code instructions for providing at least one resource specification,  
wherein a resource specification includes a definition of parameters that must be defined for each instance  
of a resource, and wherein the resource is the resource to be monitored; [[and]]  
computer usable program code instructions for associating at least one monitor specification with  
a resource specification to form at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile; and

computer usable program code for storing the at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising:  
computer usable program code instructions for retrieving ~~providing~~ a resource monitor instance configuration profile for an instance of a given resource monitor ~~[[for]]~~ assigned to an instance of a given resource.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 24, further comprising:  
computer usable program code instructions for receiving a selection of a given resource monitor to be provisioned for the instance of the given resource; and  
computer usable program code instructions for storing a monitor configuration profile for the given resource monitor in association with the resource monitor instance configuration profile.